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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT
AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated July 16, 2004, which makes reference to Claim 1 not being provided with the proper status identifier, Applicants are submitting herewith replacement pages 2, 3, 4 and 5, comprising the Amendment to the claims of Applicants' Amendment mailed on June 25, 2004. The replacement pages are believed to be compliant with the current requirements for claims amendment, and entry thereof in the record is requested.

Accordingly, entry and favorable consideration of this response, and continued processing of the present application, are believed to be in order and are courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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ENCLOSURE: SUBSTITUTE SECTION FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS
(PAGES 2, 3, 4 AND 5)